

LUC-731US  
PANAYOTOV 1  
IDS NO. 122519

PATENT  
#2

JC922 U.S. PTO  
09/705578  
11/03/00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Valentin Panayotov : Art Unit:  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned : Examiner:  
Filed: Herewith :  
FOR: COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR :  
DATA EXCHANGE VIA SHARED FILES :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

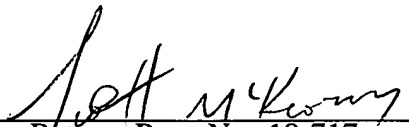
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

LUC-731US  
PANAYOTOV 1  
IDS NO. 122519

- 2 -

This information disclosure statement is being filed along with the patent application. Accordingly, no fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Allan Ratner, Reg. No. 19,717  
Scott A. McKeown, Reg. No. 42,866  
Attorneys for Applicant

Enclosures: USPTO Form 1449  
Copy of nineteen (19) references

Dated: November 3, 2000

Suite 301  
One Westlakes, Berwyn  
P.O. Box 980  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980  
(610) 407-0700

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 12-2325 of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:

November 3, 2000  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EL684159475US**

\_\_\_\_\_  
"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Libby

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  <b>Information Disclosure          Statement by Applicant</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY. DOCKET NO.	SERIAL NO
	LUC-731US	Not Yet Assigned
	APPLICANT  Valentin Panayotov	
	FILING DATE	GROUP
	Herewith	

09/705578  
 11/03/00

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exmr Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
	5,729,735	03/17/98	Meyering			
	5,799,305	08/25/98	Bortvedt et al.			
	5,737,738	04/07/98	Sharman			
	5,794,229	08/11/98	French et al.			
	5,806,065	09/08/98	Lomet			
	5,813,017	09/22/98	Morris			
	5,832,508	11/03/98	Sherman et al.			
	5,832,515	11/03/98	Ledain et al.			
	5,878,414	03/02/99	Hsiao et al.			
	5,907,848	05/25/99	Zaiken et al.			
	5,913,213	06/15/99	Wikström et al.			
	5,944,789	08/31/99	Tzelnic et al.			
	5,953,728	09/14/99	Horowitz et al.			
	5,966,706	10/12/99	Biliris et al.			
	5,966,707	10/12/99	Van Huben et al.			
	5,987,477	11/16/99	Schmuck et al.			
	6,038,563	03/14/00	Bapat et al.			
	6,061,683	05/09/00	Alonso			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exmr Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation YES   NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Russo, Mark I. and Echols, Martin M., <i>Automated Science and Engineering Laboratories With Visual Basic</i> , Wiley & Son, Inc., 1999, Chapter 13, "File Communications," pp. 127-136.

Examiner	Date Considered
----------	-----------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.